

Fourteenth Annual Bertram Morris Colloquium on Social Philosophy

Is Undergraduate Education Possible in the Multiversity?

February 23-24, 1990

Sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder

- WEDNESDAY 3:30** **THE FUNCTIONS OF EDUCATION -- SEMINAR DISCUSSION -- HELLEMS 177**
February 21 (Bertram Morris's essay "Institutions of Intelligence," copies available in Hellems 169.)
- FRIDAY 3:00-4:30** **IS 'LIBERAL EDUCATION' OBSOLETE? -- OLD MAIN CHAPEL**
February 23 Moderator: Prof. Lawson Crowe (Philosophy)
 Chancellor James Corbridge, Prof. Joseph Tussman (Philosophy, UCLA Berkeley)
- 7:30** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Appearance and Reality in Higher Education -- Duane Physics GO-20**
 Introduction: Prof. Forrest Williams (Philosophy)
 Prof. Robert Paul Wolff (Philosophy, U. of Massachusetts, Amherst)
- 9:15** **RECEPTION -- Duane Physics Towers**
- SATURDAY 8:30** **Coffee -- OLD MAIN CHAPEL**
February 24
- 9:00-10:15** **DISCUSSION: What sorts of "community" are relevant to undergraduate education?**
 Moderator: Prof. Robert Hanna (Philosophy)
 Prof. Hazel Barnes (Philosophy)
 Prof. Jack Kelso (Director of Honors)
- 10:30-11:45** **DISCUSSION: What are the conditions of learning?**
 Moderator: Prof. Carol Cleland (Philosophy)
 Prof. Eugene Gollin (Developmental Psychology)
 Prof. David Hawkins (Philosophy)
- 12:00** **Lunch (Various places on the Hill)**
- 1:30-2:45** **DISCUSSION: What would a non-sexist and non-racist curriculum look like?**
 Moderator: Prof. George Bealer (Philosophy)
 Prof. Marcia Westcott (Women's Studies)
 Prof. Polly McLean (Journalism)
- 3:00** **DISCUSSION: The Academic Mission, Bartlett Giamatti's 12 page essay, copies available at earlier sessions.**
 Moderator: Prof. John Fisher (Chair, Philosophy)
 President Gordon Gee
 Dean Charles Middleton

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Robert Paul Wolff is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Among his publications are *The Ideal of the University*, *Kant's Theory of Mental Activity*, and (most recently) *Money Bags Must Be So Lucky*. He is the Executive Director of The Harvard-Radcliffe Alumni/ae Against Apartheid.

GUEST PANELIST

Joseph Tussman is Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley. Among his publications are *Experiment at Berkeley*, *Obligation and the Body Politic*, *Government and the Mind*, and (most recently) *Burden of Office*.

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THE COLLOQUIUM PROCESS

The Department of Philosophy presents this fourteenth annual Colloquium on Social Philosophy in honor of its late colleague Bertram Morris and as a service to the community. In keeping with the commitments of its namesake, each year's colloquium offers a philosophical perspective on some issue of vital concern to the society at large. This year the focus is on the goals and nature of undergraduate education.

In *Institutions of Intelligence* (Ohio University Press, 1969), Bert explored the ways in which human capacities, such as acting, feeling, and thinking, are given institutional manifestations: "Thus, government and economics may appropriately be regarded as institutions of power; the fine arts as institutions of expression; and science and philosophy as institutions of intelligence." The core of his analysis of the university as one of the supporting institutions of intelligence is in Chapter III, "The Functions of Education," and we will open with a Departmental seminar (to which all are invited) focused on these arguments.

The more explicitly public parts of the colloquium are all -- with the exception of the keynote address -- organized as discussions, for we assume that most of those involved will either have been subjected to, or be working in, the process of undergraduate education. So each session will begin with two people taking 10 or 15

minutes each to shape the issues, then move to general argument. If things work out, the resulting civil conversation will exemplify as well as explore the nature of academic life.

Those involved as presenters and moderators of the discussions will be meeting for dinner on Friday night and for lunch on Saturday. If you wish to join us, please contact Barbara (492-6364) for information about space, price, and times. For general information about the colloquium, call the Department at 492-6132.

Bertram Morris (1908-1981) was born in Denver. Educated at Princeton and Cornell, he taught at the University of Colorado at Boulder from 1947 until his retirement in 1977. He published several books, including *The Aesthetic Process*, *Philosophical Aspects of Culture*, and *Institutions of Intelligence*.

Bert is remembered as much for his committed involvement in the social issues of his community as for his scholarly work. In 1953 he began an outreach program at Manual High School in Denver that still continues. In 1975 he was given a special award by the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado for his efforts on behalf of academic freedom and his work to improve conditions at the Boulder County Jail.

As an expression of admiration and gratitude, the Philosophy Department established this colloquium when he retired in 1977.

Help us continue the Bertram Morris Colloquium on Social Philosophy. University faculty, staff, former students, and friends of Bertram Morris have now contributed approximately \$50,000 to our endowment campaign. Our goal for the endowment is \$100,000. Please help us reach it--send your tax deductible contribution to the University of Colorado Foundation, Boulder, CO 80309.

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